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IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please amend claim 1 as follow.*

1. (Currently Amended) A method for communicating between a first party in a vehicle and a second external party, comprising the steps of:

~~initiating a telephone conversation between 1. A method for communicating between a first party in a vehicle and a second external party, comprising the steps of:~~

initiating a telephone conversation between said first and second party;

preparing a depiction of an environment surrounding said vehicle;

extracting, from said depiction, relevant information concerning a traffic situation in said environment;

transmitting said relevant information to said second external party together with audio information from said telephone conversation.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said depiction is obtained by means of a preexisting navigation system on said vehicle.

3. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said depiction is obtained by means of a sensor system on said vehicle.

4. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said relevant information is updated periodically.

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5. (Original) The method according to Claim 4, wherein said periodic update occurs in time increments of several seconds.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said step of preparing a depiction includes the step of preparing an image of said environment surrounding said vehicle.

7. (Original) An arrangement for audio visual communication between a first party in a vehicle and a second external party, said arrangement comprising:

on-board sensory system for providing information of an environment outside of said vehicle;

extracting means for extracting portions of said information which are relevant to a traffic situation in said environment outside of said vehicle;

audio visual communication system for simultaneously transmitting a telephone conversation between said first and second party and said extracted relevant information to said second external party.

8. (Original) An arrangement for communication between a first party in a vehicle and a second external party, said arrangement comprising:

an automobile navigation system in said vehicle for providing information concerning traffic in an environment outside of the vehicle;

a communication device for simultaneously transmitting telephone conversation between said first and second party and said relevant traffic information from said first party to said second party.

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9. (Original) The arrangement according to claim 7, wherein said sensory system is an image acquisition system for providing an image of the environment outside of the vehicle.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the step of preparing a depiction of an environment surrounding said vehicle include the steps of obtaining object information from a sensing system and obtaining map display information from a map database.

11. (Previously Presented) The arrangement according to 7 wherein said extracting means for extracting portions of said information which are relevant to a traffic situation includes a means to provide map information concerning the location of said vehicle and means for combining portions of said map information with said information of said environment outside of said vehicle.

12. (Previously Presented) The arrangement according to claim 8 wherein said automobile navigation system includes a sensor means for providing object information and a navigation device for providing map display information.